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Nixon Is Contradicted By Clark

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Former Attorney General Ramsey Clark said yesterday he doesn't know of any national security program under which breaking and entering for searches or photographing documents was authorized by the Justice Department during the Kennedy and Johnson administrations.

He said the late J. Edgar Hoover, FBI director when Clark was attorney general, on at least one occasion asked for such permission but was turned down. But, Clark said, "I don't recall any program as such submitted."

In his statement about the Watergate scandal yesterday, President Nixon said there was an attempt in 1970 to reinstitute "certain intelligence operations which had been suspended in 1966. These in turn had included authorization for surreptitious entry — breaking and entering, in effect — on specified categories of targets in specified situations related to national security." Hoover objected to the program and it was rejected, Mr. Nixon said.

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